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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 1st, 1903.

The agreement that Japan and the United States have entered into, amounting virtually to an alliance for the maintenance of the status quo in the Pacific as well as in China, is one of those surprises which the astute statesmen of Japan apparently delight in springing upon an unsuspecting world from time to time. Nowhere, we imagine, will the surprise be greater than in America itself where the *New York Herald* has for months past been telling the nation that Japan is the natural enemy of the United States as well as of China, and that it is the plain duty of the American Government to enter into an alliance with China, by way of checking the aggressiveness of Japan. It is not at all unlikely that the agreement now announced is the direct outcome of this campaign of slander. The Japanese Government were admittedly much annoyed and it is no secret that letters passed between the two Governments breathing sentiments of the utmost friendliness and regard. What more natural than that this compact should result? When the Anglo-Japanese agreement was under discussion in the House of Commons the Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the day made the memorable announcement that "We do not seek alliances; we grant them." That too may

be regarded as America's attitude, and it is practically certain that this is an agreement of Japan's own seeking, in order to dispel in the most effective manner the suspicion in the minds of the American public regarding her aims in China and the Pacific. The reticence which has been maintained on the subject on both sides of the Pacific during the progress of the negotiations is, under the circumstances, somewhat remarkable, and has led to some strange inferences. A telegram which reached Japan last week from Berlin reported the rumour that the agreement had reference to a dynastic change in China—a report which seems to have provoked a denial from the Government of Japan in such terms as to convey the impression that no negotiations whatever were in progress. We must now assume that the denial covered only the rumour regarding the character of the negotiations. Though the precise terms of the agreement are not yet officially announced, the bare statement that the agreement is in the interests of peaceful development in the Pacific, is one of the best guarantees of peace that the world can have. England, Japan, Germany, France, Russia and the United States are all now definitely pledged to defend the maintenance of the status quo in the Far East, and so far as international strife is concerned, we can surely say that peace is absolutely assured. The agreement just concluded between Japan and the United States will be welcomed everywhere with satisfaction, for there has undoubtedly been a growing disposition to regard a war between Japan and the United States as inevitable, and much significance has been attached to the decision on the part of the United States to fortify and garrison the Hawaiian islands, and to strengthen the defences of the Pacific slope. But so far as this is inspired by fear of Japanese aggression, the calm student of affairs can well believe that it is all a delusion. Japan is not seeking further worlds to conquer. She has quite as much territory as she can afford the means to develop and her interests for many years must lie in the maintenance of peace and in the development of her industries, trade and commerce.

There were no cases of communicable disease reported in the Colony last week.

The English Mail of the 31st October was delivered in London on the 28th ultimo.

Lady Lugard left Marseilles by the P. & O. Victoria on the 27th ult. and will arrive here on the 24th inst.

The trial of Chang, one of the Korean assassins of Mr. D. W. Stevens, began on Nov. 16th in San Francisco.

The Shanghai St. Andrew's Society postponed their annual ball until December 31st owing to the incidence of the Chinese national mourning.

Two Metropolitan officials have been ordered to be sent to the New Dominion (Chinese Turkestan) to work on the military post roads there as convicts for entering the precincts of the Imperial Palace without permission.

The U.S. hospital ship *Relief* while on the voyage from Cavite to Guam encountered a typhoon. Her engines were disabled and she was obliged to return to Cavite for radical repairs.

Admiral Sperry, after declining to allow the men of his fleet shore leave, finally consented to allow the men to disembark in squads under the command of their petty officers, provided he obtained the approval of the Naval Department at Washington. The Fleet are scheduled to leave Manila to-day.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Empress Dowager and Emperor, the inmates of the House of Detention in the Mixed Court, Shanghai, are said to be daily doing homage before their late Majesties' tablets, engraved by them. The local native papers greatly appreciate the fact that, although the men are in prison, they do not forget to mourn for their deceased rulers.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday an unemployed house boy was charged with being on the servants' quarters of Mr. McKinley's residence at 1, Togo Terrace, Kennedy Road, without permission, and assaulting Mr. McKinley. The evidence showed that when complainant ordered the boy off the premises he refused to go. Mr. McKinley then caught hold of him and was taking him to the Police Station when the defendant struck him. His Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

Mr. John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of South American Republics, said that the 6,000,000 inhabitants of the Argentine Republic did a bigger foreign trade last year than did China, with 300,000,000 inhabitants, and Japan, with 50,000,000 combined. If the United States had spent one tenth of what they did in the Orient America would have got it back twenty times. Japan is doing more to familiarize itself with the west coast of Central and South America, and to develop commerce with it, than is the United States. Many Americans think there is nothing in Central and South America but revolutions, and are neglecting the opportunity which Japan and England are appreciating.

The N.D.L. announce to-day by special advertisement the three magnificent liners available for the next general exodus of Eastern residents contemplating a short sojourn at home. These steamships are announced to leave Italy from Hongkong in 25 days. The *Prinzess Alice* leaves on March 10th, the *Kleist* on March 24th, and the *Prinzess Luise* on April 7th.

The funeral of Lance Corporal Smith, of the Buffs, who committed suicide on Friday, took place yesterday at the Happy Valley. The coffin was placed on a gun carriage, and this was preceded by the firing party marching with arms reversed, and followed by the band playing solemn funeral airs. At the graveside the usual salute was fired, and the ceremony concluded with the "Last Post."

Mr. J. R. Wood presided at a meeting of Justices of the Peace held at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, and there were also present Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, R.N., and Mr. W. Bowen Rowlands. Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) applied on behalf of I. Grunman for a publican's licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors at 242 and 244, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of the Central Hotel. The application was granted.

An Official Dinner is to be held at Government House to-night. The following is a list of invited guests:—H.E. Admiral the hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, K.C.V.O., Flag Captain Clinton Baker, R.N., Flag Comdr. Norris, R.N., Flag Lieut. Mullenz, R.N., Mr. Motion, R.N., Comdr. Fuller, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Slade, Mr. and Mrs. Barotto, Mr. Bernado, Mr. Eitzen, Mr. Moreno, Mr. and Mrs. Tidemann, Lt. Comdr. Dickens, R.N., Lt. Comdr. Gresson, R.N., Major Close, R.E., Captain and Mrs. Dooner, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Bayard, Capt. Dwyer, R.A., Major Probyn, R.A.M.C., Lt. Col. Stapole, A.P.D., Capt. and Mrs. Waller, Dr. Aubrey, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Elwes, Mr. P. Goldring, Miss Innes, Mr. and Mrs. Logan, and Sir F. Lovell.

## ALLEGED ACCEPTANCE OF A BRIBE.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday an Indian constable, stationed at the Water Police Station at Tsimshatsai, was indicted on a charge of accepting a bribe of a bottle of whisky. According to the evidence, a hawker who keeps a stall in Macdonald Road, was approached by the defendant to "smush" him a bottle of whisky a week. In consideration of this present the constable is alleged to have promised not to remove the hawker from his place of business. The complainant told the Indian that he could not afford to give him a bottle of whisky weekly, but would smush him once a fortnight. To this the constable agreed, and it was arranged that he should call for his first present on the following day. Meantime the hawker reported the matter to the police, and a detective awaited the arrival of the Indian. As he did not put in an appearance that day, he was waited for on the next, and when he appeared and accepted the whisky he was arrested. The case was remanded to enable the defendant to call witnesses.

## FATED FEMINITY.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday an aged Chinese woman was charged with causing grievous bodily harm to a small boy at Wanchai on Sunday. At low tide the parties were searching for stray pieces of coal on the seashore, and the boy finding a large piece, the old woman attempted to take it from him. The youth, however, declined to give it up, and in a struggle the woman shoved him on some rocks, his arm being broken in the fall.

When she was taken to the Wanchai Police Station, Inspector Fenton suggested that the woman should have a wash. This she indignantly declined, remarking that she had not washed herself for six years. She felt warmer without, and saw no reason why she should take any pains over her personal appearance as she was 64 years of age. Even if she did make herself presentable, she did not think she would now have any opportunity of deceiving another man, as the affections of the sterner sex were bestowed on youth and beauty only.

The woman was ordered to pay the boy \$2 compensation.

## ARMED ROBBERY AT CHINWAN.

The slumbers of the inhabitants of the peaceful little village of Chinwan, near Seaton, were rudely disturbed on Saturday night by a discharge of firearms. This was a "bravado" volley fired by a band of armed robbers on their departure from the village after having looted two homesteads. Towards midnight houses Nos. 20 and 30 were simultaneously entered, the former by fourteen men and the latter by nine, all of whom were armed with revolvers and choppers. The inmates of both houses were covered with revolvers, and warned not to create a disturbance or they would be shot. At house No. 20 boxes were broken open and \$92 in money stolen, while at No. 30 the robbers secured \$60 in cash, and gauze, silk and family clothing to the value of \$150. Then they warned the terrified inmates not to move out of their homes that night, under penalty of death, and firing three shots in the air, hurriedly decamped. The police are investigating.

## SHOOTING.

NO 1 COY. R.K.V.A.

The first shoot for the "Plummer Cup" held by the above Company, took place at the Tai Hang range on Sunday morning with an attendance of thirteen members. The firing took place under most trying winds, which accounts for the poor scores, the three best of which including handicap, were made by Gunner Hay, 89 points; Sergeant Seth, 81 points; Gunner Yates, 81 points; who were also spoon winners.

## TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

## LORDS THROW OUT THE LICENSING BILL.

LONDON, November 29th.

The Licensing Bill has been defeated in the House of Lords by a majority of 272 to 96.

## AUSTRIA AND TURKEY.

LONDON, November 29th.

The political situation as regards Austria and Turkey is now considered to be precarious.

## GERMAN ARMY AND NAVY ESTIMATES.

LONDON, November 29th.

The German Army Estimates have been reduced by one million sterling, and the Navy Estimates have been increased by four millions sterling.

## JAPAN AND AMERICA.

LONDON, November 29th.

Reuter reports that an agreement has been concluded between the United States and Japan for the development of mutual interests in the Pacific and the support of the integrity of China.

Tokyo, November 30th.

The announcement with regard to the conclusion of an agreement is premature. The Foreign Office is silent, but there is no doubt that the proposal will meet with the fullest approval of the Press which to-day published in great detail the American telegrams.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Tokyo, November 30th.

News has been received at the Foreign Office that the Triumvirate at Peking are working harmoniously, and that the state of the country is very quiet.

## FATALITY ON THE S.S. "FATSHAN".

SHAMOON, November 30th.

On board the s.s. "Fatshan" last night, a Chinese passenger is alleged to have been struck by Watchman Noronha for not paying his passage. The passenger died on board shortly afterwards.

The case is being investigated jointly by the British and Chinese Authorities.

Great excitement prevails, and large crowds surround the wharf.

About one hundred soldiers have been placed on guard about the wharf. So far all is quiet.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

## AUSTRIA AND TURKEY.

LONDON, November 28th.

Assurances have been given by the Turkish Chargé d'Affaires and Ambassador Reshid, who is en route from Constantinople, on the subject of the boycott which has restored the optimism in Vienna.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

JAPAN-CHINA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Last week the board of directors of the Japan-China Steamship Company, which has a service of steamers on the Yangtze, held a meeting to consider the accounts for the last half-year, when it was proposed not to distribute any dividend for the period. However, Mr. Nakabishi (President of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha), who represented the Osaka shareholders, urged that a dividend should be paid, and his view prevailed. The accounts which are to be laid before the general meeting called for the 25th instant show that the net profit of the company for the period amounted to ¥113,000, including a surplus of ¥11,000 brought over. Of this sum ¥11,250 will be distributed as a dividend at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum, ¥5,000 will be placed to the reserve, and the balance carried forward.—*Japan Chronicle*.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENTS IN SHANTUNG.

A Taingtan correspondent, telegraphing to the *N. C. Daily News* on the 24th ult., reported that on the previous night a bridge on the Shantung (Taingtan-Tsinan) Railway, about twenty-eight kilometers distant from Tientsin, broke down under the weight of a passing train. There was some loss of life, which is said to be serious. The exact cause of the accident is not yet known. There has also been an accident at a German mine at Hungshan. Twenty Chinese and one European are reported to have been drowned.

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

November 29th.

NEW WEEKLY PAPER.  
A paper called the *Canton Weekly News* has made its appearance edited by Mr. H. W. Ray who was formerly assistant teacher of the Diocesan School and Orphanage in Hongkong. I understand, if sufficient support is forthcoming, the issue will be a daily one from the 1st day of January 1909.

## STATE MOURNING—FOREIGN OFFICIALS OFFERING CONDOLENCE.

On the 27th instant Mr. Paul H. King, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Messrs. J. S. M. Drummond and J. H. May, Deputy Commissioners of Customs and Mr. A. B. Hyland Imperial Chinese District Postal Commissioner called on His Excellency Viceroy Chang to offer their condolences towards the late Emperor and Empress Dowager of China.

## SERIOUS ASSAULT AT WEST POINT.

Six natives were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday, by Inspector Robertson, with assaulting the master of a rattran shop. The complainant, who is in a critical condition in the Government Civil Hospital, formerly employed these men as rattran splitters, but recently discharged them and engaged women in their stead. On Friday night the defendants are alleged to have met their late master in a dark quarter of Centre Street, and to have attacked him with bamboo poles. The unfortunate man's skull is fractured, and when rescued by the police his brain was protruding. The hearing of the case was adjourned.

## MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Monday, 30th November.

BEFORE LIEUT. C. W. BECKWITH, R.N.  
(MARINE MAGISTRATE).

## EXCESS PASSENGERS.

The master of a painter boat was prosecuted by Lance Sergeant Jackson for carrying six persons in excess of the number allowed by his licence.

A fine of \$8 was imposed.  
The same complainant proceeded against the master of a coolie boat for carrying eight excess passengers.

The defendant was fined \$10.

## AN UNLAWFUL MOORING.

For mooring her boat within 100 yards of low water mark between Tsimshatsai Point and the saw mills at Mongkok during prohibited hours, Kwok Ng was ordered to pay a fine of \$4.  
Four other defendants were placed before his Worship on a similar charge, two being fined \$2 apiece, and the other two \$4 each.

## A MISSING LIGHT.

The master of a licensed ballast boat was mulcted in the sum of \$8 for failing between sunset and sunrise to exhibit at the foremast head of his vessel a bright white light visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least a mile.

## PREVENTING FREE ACCESS.

For lying alongside the s.s. *Kam Sang* in such a manner as to prevent the free access of other vessels to the Central Fairway, the master of an unlicensed junk was ordered to pay a fine of \$2.

## GERMAN RIVER GUN-BOAT FOR CHINA.

The last order to be given out under the German Naval Programme for 1908 has just been given and it is for a new river gunboat "C," which is to be built in the Teuklenburg yard near Geestemünde, a suburb of Bremerhaven and on the Weser. It is many years since the Teuklenburg yard received an order from the Admiralty, and the new river gunboat is to be finished next year. The cost of the gunboat will be \$45,000, of which sum \$5,000 will be spent on its armament. "The C" will be of an improved type, and as it is to be used, as Berthel, correspondent says, in developing and protecting Germany's growing trading interests in the interior of China, the new boat will be sent up the upper reaches of the great rivers, where already four German river gunboats have been engaged for some time in displaying Germany's flag in the interior. But these four gunboats were fitted with engines which are not always powerful enough to cope with the strong and dangerous rapids that are met with, and the new boat will therefore be fitted with engines that will be strong enough to take her through the biggest rapids.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Zafiro* left Manila on noon the 28th November, and is due here to-day at daylight.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig* left Shanghai on Saturday the 28th ult. at 11 p.m., and may be expected here to-day at 7 a.m.

The C.P.R. str. *Monteagle* arrived Shanghai at 8 a.m. on Sunday the 29th Nov., and left again at 1 p.m. same day for Hongkong where she is due to arrive at noon to-morrow.

The J.C.-J. Lijn str. *Tijpanas* left Moji for this port on the 28th ult. p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 3rd inst.

The J.C.-J. Lijn str. *Tybedas* left Palo Lant for this port on the 28th ult. a.m., and will be expected here on or about the 6th inst., and will leave for Shanghai on the 9th inst.

The P.M. str. *Manchuria* with the American Mail from San Francisco of 10th ult., sailed from Yokohama on the 29th ult., and will be due to arrive in Hongkong on 7th inst.

The M.M. str. *Ernest Simons* with the French Mail of the 8th ult., and mails from London of the 7th ult., left Singapore on Monday the 30th ult. at 5 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on Monday morning the 7th inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* arrived Vancouver on Friday the 27th ult.

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## INTERESTING SHIPPING CASE AT SHANGHAI.

In the Supreme Court of Shanghai on the 25th ult. Mr. Justice Bourne delivered the following judgment in "The British American Tobacco Co. v. the Canadian Pacific Railway Co."

This case was tried by me with a Jury on October 29th and 30th, 1903. The undisputed facts are that the "Empress of China" sank at her moorings at Vancouver on October 23rd, 1907 between 5.30 and 6 p.m. in consequence of the condenser discharge-pipe being negligently left open. The plaintiffs claim against the shipowners on an implied warranty of seaworthiness, i.e. that the ship should be fit to receive the plaintiffs' cargo of cigarettes.

I accept the report attached to Mr. Sayer's affidavit of November 10, 1903, as a correct record of my summing up and the findings may be summarised as follows:

1.—That the ship was seaworthy at about 11 a.m. at about which time the shipping of the cigarettes was commenced.

2.—That the ship was unseaworthy and in imminent danger at 3.30 p.m. when the shipping of the cigarettes was about finished, but the Jury cannot say that the last case of cigarettes was on board.

3.—That they cannot say whether the ship became unseaworthy before the completion of the shipping of the cigarettes: they do not understand enough about ships to say the moment when she became unseaworthy.

How ought judgment to be entered on these findings?

Mr. Macleod claimed that judgement ought to be entered for the defendants because they had provided a ship which was fit to receive cargo when the act of shipping the cigarettes began or in the alternative because the burden of proof was on the plaintiffs and had not been discharged. This case differs from the *Carron Park* (15 P. D. 203) in that here the shipping of the cigarettes went on continuously up to an hour at about which the Jury find the ship to have been unseaworthy, while in the *Carron Park* the shipping ceased at a time when the ship was seaworthy, the act of negligence occurring during the night, after an ascertained quantity of the cargo in question had been shipped. The Judge (Sir James Hannen P.) said "if the act of negligence—did not render the vessel unseaworthy for the reception of this cargo which had already been loaded on board the vessel when (she was) in good condition." I can find no authority for the proposition of defendants' counsel that the shipowner's duty is fulfilled when he has provided a ship fit to receive the cargo at the commencement of the act of loading the cargo.

*Cohn v. Davidson* (2 Q. B. D. 460). In regard to the burden of proof the Jury have not answered the material question, what proportion of the cigarettes had already been shipped when the vessel became unseaworthy?—See end of Lord Selborne's judgement in *Steel v. State Line s.s. Co.* 3 A. Cap. 16. For these reasons I think judgement cannot be entered for the defendants.

And judgement could only be entered for the plaintiffs if the Jury having found the ship to be seaworthy at 11 a.m., had further found that at some time before the shipping of the cigarettes was finished the ship had become unseaworthy, and if the law was that such unseaworthiness occurring before a continuous shipment had been completed related back to the commencement of the act of shipping and rendered the ship unseaworthy *ab initio*. But the Jury did not so find nor does that seem to be the law. (*Hansen v. Woodman* 3 B. D. 301. *McFadden v. Blue Star Line* 1905 C. B. D. vol. 1. p. 697).

The law as I gather it from these cases, seems to be that the ship must be seaworthy for the reception of each package as it is carried on board. But the Jury say they cannot find the moment when the ship became unseaworthy nor whether the last case of cigarettes was or was not on board at 3.30 p.m. when they do find the ship to have been unseaworthy. Then that on these findings no judgement can be entered either way (*Steel v. State Line S. S. Co.* 3 A. C. p. 72). There is no order as to costs.

## ENGLAND'S RICHEST LANDOWNERS.

Only the Income-Tax Commissioners have an idea how many millionaires there are in the United Kingdom. Even they can only draw inferences from the annual profits disclosed from the number of estates on which high death duties are paid.

One class of millionaires can, however, be ascertained with some accuracy—the men whose possessions are in land and buildings and who have to pay duty according to their capital value.

The Statistical Abstract of the United Kingdom, recently issued, shows the number of landed proprietors whose estates are worth a million sterling or more. They may thus be summarised:

Value.	Number.	Total Value.
One million to 1½	4	\$4,594,000
Two millions to 3	1	\$2,546,000
Over 3 millions	2	\$8,619,000

The names of these millionaires are not given, and there will be much speculation as to their identity—particularly the two men who own £8,600,000 worth of land and buildings between them. Nor do these figures exhaust the limits of their possible possessions, inasmuch as profits from securities and businesses are not included.

There is no hint as to the number of millionaires in trade and commerce. That must represent much higher totals, for of the gross income of £943,702,014 reviewed by the Commissioners only £22,737,758 came within the estate duty classification.

The most marvellous figure in the volume is the total amount of the operations of the Bankers' Clearing House. This came in twelve months to £12,730,000,000. The cheques interchanged in the course of a year represented thirteen times the amount of the annual income reviewed by the Income-Tax Commissioners, fifteen times the amount of the National Debt, and more than forty times the dutiable value of the landed estates and buildings of the country.

## OLD AGE PENSIONERS.

NEARLY HALF A MILLION CLAIMS.  
The Chancellor of the Exchequer has informed Mr. Timothy Davies, M.P., that the total number of claims received by the old age pensioners up to the 10th inst. amounted to 469,164. Of this number there came—

From England, 275,862.
From Ireland, 131,610.
From Scotland, 49,077.
From Wales, 13,615.

We are officially informed that the Treasury have appointed all persons for the time being holding the appointments of supervisor or officer of Exche in the service of the Board of Inland Revenue to be pension officers, such and so many of those officers as may for the time being, by order of the Board of Inland Revenue, be stationed within each Exche district, to act subject to the instructions of that Board as pension officers for the area comprised in each such district. These appointments have effect as from September 1st.



## THE SCOTTISH BALL.

## A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

It would be impossible to think of the Scottish Ball in Hongkong as other than a success. Both as a reunion of the sons and daughters of Scotia and as a social function it eclipses any gathering of its kind in the East, and this reputation which it has enjoyed for half a century and more was worthily upheld by last night's gathering. It was indeed a brilliant success.

St. Andrew's Day, the day when Scotsmen meet to honour the memory of their patron saint, has always been held in greater regard by exiled Scots, as they choose to designate themselves, than by the people of Scotland itself. Why this should be so is rather difficult to understand, but one reason may be that the patriotism of the Scot is not really aroused until he has left his native land. Certainly Scotsmen abroad delight in all the opportunities they have of forgetting together and remembering the land of brown heath and shaggy wood, whether it be St. Andrew's Day, New Year, or the anniversary of the birthday of Burns, and the large Scottish community in Hongkong is just as enthusiastic as any in strengthening the ties which bind it to Scotland and in recalling associations of the dear homeland.

The St. Andrew's Society of Hongkong, perhaps the largest Scottish body in the Far East, is not exactly a social institution, though that aspect is very much emphasized at present. Its raison d'être is really philanthropic, but happily not many calls are made upon its funds by distressed Scots in this part of the world. Still this phase of its existence is not overlooked and it is pleasant to know that needed help is given where desirable and that too in a quiet unostentatious manner without letting the right hand know what the left hand doeth. The Society, which was founded in 1847, has seen sixty-one years of useful work. It has grown with the Colony, and to-day it ranks as one of its most praiseworthy institutions.

## THE DECORATIONS.

The decorations were very effective indeed. The stairway was embellished with pot plants and the pillars were festooned with greenery, but the most striking effect was found on the landing where two large St. Andrew's crosses flanked the lion rampant, surmounted by the Royal Standard and red ensigns. At the base in illuminated figures stood out the dates 1847-1903, indicating the age of the Society. Above the stairway was the Scottish thistle outlined in electric bulbs and supported by shields and warlike weapons. On the walls were the shields covering battleaxes, spears and two handed swords, accompanied by white ensigns. Practically the whole landing and stairway were hidden under a mass of greenery and pot plants in the midst of which glowed vari-coloured lights. As might have been expected the greatest attempt at decoration was found in St. Andrew's Hall. On entering, the gaze was arrested by a painting of Auld Reekie, with Edinburgh Castle proudly dominating the scene. The lights in the Castle and the Grassmarket were very effective, and Mr. G. Duncan, of Kowloon Dock, the artist, is to be complimented on his work which was much admired. This picture of Edinburgh was of course complimentary to the President, the Hon. Mr. Chatham, who hails from "Scotia's darling seat." Flanking this were the arms of past presidents, Messrs. Gershom Stewart and B. Shewan. Underneath the picture of Edinburgh was a representation of St. Andrew, and facing this was the Society's coat of arms surmounted by the lion rampant. On the left side of the wall were pictures of Burns, Duke of Gordon and Scott. The Duke of Gordon was the founder of the famous regiment, the Gordon Highlanders, whose Duchess, it will be remembered, gave such a slip to recruiting by promising a kiss to each man who enlisted. The opposite wall had portraits of Knox, a Newhaven fishwife and Mary Queen of Scots. On the boxes beneath these were the names of places associated with each. For instance under Burns was the name of Kirk Alloway, under the Duke of Gordon the name of Orkney and under Scott the name of Aberfoyle. Knox was of course associated with Dunrobin, the fishwife with Musselburgh, and Mary Queen of Scots with Loch Leven, from which she made such a romantic escape. Festoons of greenery hung from the walls and coloured lights and palms embellished the pillars, while curtains were hung from the windows.

St. George's Hall did not call for much elaborate treatment. The picture of the young Queen Victoria, flanked with appropriate flags, held the place of honour. Facing it was a huge St. Andrew's cross with the Scottish lion in the centre. Curtains adorned the arches and exits and pot plants and electric bulbs added to the general effect. The reception room was as before, its only decoration being the national arms. The theatre, used as a supper room, looked very pretty indeed under a decoration which was largely floral. The balcony was decorated with Gordon tartan and shields covering the three old time weapons—spear, battleaxe and two handed sword. The motto "I'll drink a cup the Scotland yet" adorned the wall, but the most artistic effect was found on the stage, where the horse shoe table beautifully decorated with flowers and a vase of electrically illuminated flowers, stood conspicuous.

Before leaving the decorations, reference should be made to the place names which were used for "trysting" purposes. On previous years Scottish county names and other names had been utilised, but on this occasion insignificant out of the way places were honoured by recognition. Among the number were Crianlarich and Tignaburich, fairly well known on the West Coast, but which could be said regarding the selection of Tulliquillie, Feggicloan, Auchterless Cambusvie and

Technical, not to speak of such unpronounceable names as Lochmishart, Auchmishelloch, Balgaharn, Dalaspidal and Balgahidder? Still, they achieved their purpose, and served as identification marks.

"Auchtermuchty" was as of yore the password to the bar downstairs, and, needless to say most people mastered it.

The verandahs were simply adorned with bunting.

Messrs. Duncan, Andrew, and H. Wynne were closely identified with the work of decoration, on the result of which they are entitled to great credit.

## THE OFFICIALS.

The bulk of the work, of course, fell on Mr. David Wood, the hon. secretary who brought a ripe experience and no little application to bear in the discharge of duties which called for wit and discretion. He was assisted by the following committees:

Invitation Committee.—Hon. Mr. C. V. Chatham, C.M.G., Messrs. J. R. M. Smith, Robert Shewan, T. F. Hough, C. H. Ross, R. Mitchell, W. C. Jack, W. Armstrong, Murray Stewart, A. S. Fraser, D. R. Law, J. C. Peter, Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Mr. E. Ormiston, and Capt. Campbell Heathcote, A.D.C.

Decorations Committee.—Messrs. J. I. Andrew (Convener); A. M. Marshall, R. Mitchell, G. Duncan, G. Grant, W. H. Donald, J. Walker, O. D. Thomson, H. S. Wynne, R. Dickson, and Hon. Secretary.

Supper and Wines Committee.—Messrs. J. D. Auld, H. M. Bain, W. D. Braidwood, A. Bryson, H. F. Campbell (Convener), H. F. Carmichael, Capt. J. Douglas, Messrs. W. D. Graham, J. Hall, J. D. Logan, D. McDonald, A. V. Monte, A. C. Moore, J. Patterson, A. Rodger, S. B. C. Ross, E. Grant Smith, G. Morton Smith, A. T. Walker, W. Wilson, and Hon. Secretary.

Dancing and Music Committee.—Messrs. C. H. Ross (Convener), W. Armstrong, Murray Stewart, H. G. C. Bailey, A. Sinclair, A. S. Fraser, W. L. Carter, T. Skinner, E. F. MacKay, C. G. Mackie, Capt. Campbell Heathcote and Hon. Secretary.

Card Room Committee.—Messrs. G. G. D. Forsyth, J. W. C. Bonnar, (Convener), W. N. Fleming, J. McCabbin and R. R. Hynd.

Ladies' Room Committee.—Dr. C. Forsyth (Convener) and Mr. Jas. D. Auld.

## THE DANCE.

Guests began to arrive shortly before nine o'clock and a steady stream continued for some time later. It was estimated that fully 1,500 people were present, quite a large, if not a larger, number than at previous balls, so that it was easily apparent there was no falling off in the popularity of this function. Of course it was impossible that that number could dance at one time, but the attractions of the card room and the good company and good wine downstairs drew many from the scene of the more active pleasures. Even then the accommodation was limited, but as the greatest good humour prevailed nothing could detract from the general happiness.

H.E. the Governor was met at the entrance by "Chief" Chatham and members of the General Committee and piped to the entrance of St. Andrew's Hall, when the band played the National Anthem. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock to excellent music supplied by the Band of the Buffs, the hall being officially opened by the dancing of the Lancers. The official set was composed of His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Chatham, Honourable Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., President, and Mrs. Lyon; H.E. Hon. Sir Hedworth Lamont, K.C.V.O., K.C.B. and Mrs. Smith; Mr. J. R. M. Smith, and Mrs. May; Mr. T. F. Hough, and Mrs. Gresson; H.E. Major-General R. G. Broadwood, C.B. and Mrs. Peter; Commodore Herbert Lyons and Mrs. MacKay; Mr. Murray Stewart and Mrs. Ormiston.

The pipers of the H.K.S.B.R.G.A. played the music for the Strathspey and reel and the Caledonians.

## EXTRA WALTZ.

The programme was as follows:

1. Lancers.
2. Waltz.
3. Caledonians.
4. Waltz.
5. Eightsome Reel.
6. Two Step.
7. Caledonians.
8. Strathspey & Reel.
9. Waltz.
10. Two Step.
11. Waltz.
12. Two Step.
13. Waltz.
14. Eightsome Reel.
15. Polka.
16. Strathspey & Reel.
17. Highland Schottische.
18. Caledonians.
19. Eightsome Reel.
20. Waltz.
21. Two Step.
22. Waltz and Galop.

A number of "extras" were introduced and dancing was brought to a close about three o'clock this morning.

## THE SUPPER.

After the eighth dance an adjournment was made for supper, which, as usual, was served in two relays. The President's party was piped from St. George's Hall to the theatre by Mr. H. G. C. Bailey. In addition to those who took part in the official set the party included Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., and Mrs. Atkinson, Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies and Mrs. Jack, Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Mrs. Letham, Mr. R. Mitchell and Mrs. Gompertz, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt and Mrs. Bayard, Mr. W. Letham and Mrs. Chamier, Mr. W. C. Jack and Mrs. Stewart, Sir Francis Lovell and Mrs. J. W. C. Bonnar.

During supper, the President or Chieftain proposed "The King," which having been honoured was followed by the toast "The pious memory of St. Andrew."

Hon. Mr. CHATHAM in proposing this said:—Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege to welcome you here to-night on the occasion of our great Scottish Festival. Scotsmen in all parts of the world are celebrating St. Andrew's Day and keeping alive in an unobtrusive way that national spirit which plays so important a part in all matters, social and otherwise. Scotsmen have ever played an important part in local affairs and our gathering here to-night is a proof that our Society maintains its vigour and that its members continue to be a power in the Colony. (Applause). There is a prevalent idea abroad that Scotsmen are some-

what parsimonious but any one who is acquainted with the real Scottish character will, I venture to say, contradict this. I will tell you a small anecdote which illustrates the true Scottish character. A clergyman visiting a parishioner in humble circumstances asked for a drink of water and was offered a glass of milk. He murmured to drinking it, as he thought the woman could not afford it, but she speedily reassured him by saying "Drink it up, minister, drink it up. The soot just gets it away." (laughter). We Scotsmen in Hongkong merely emulate the example of our humble countrywoman in entertaining you here to-night, but I presume it is unnecessary for me to repeat her kindly words of encouragement. In the ordinary course of events, we must fall aside but I feel sure I am echoing the wish of all members when I say—Long may our St. Andrew's Society continue to flourish and may its members ever be able to say in the words of the poet "I'm proud to think that I'm a Scotsman born." (Applause).

The toast having been drunk in silence, the interesting ceremony of bringing in the haggis followed Mr. Bailey played in the haggis, which was carried by Mr. James Walker and placed in front of the Chieftain, who, having given the carrier of the haggis and the "barley broo" (Captain Campbell Heathcote) a dram from the quail, partook himself and then offered it to the gentlemen guests. The whisky bearer having supplied each gentleman guest with a dram, the ceremony ended, and the pipers played behind the curtain.

The menu is an interesting document, but we let it speak for itself.

"We'll be up o' kindness yet, for muid lang syne."

## MENU.

"Some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it;  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
And so the Lord be thankit."

1.—Saddle of Mutton 2.—Roast Turkey  
3.—York Ham 4.—Roast Capon  
5.—Corned Beef 6.—Game Pie  
7.—Pate de Foie Gras in Jelly  
8.—Chicken Salad 9.—Hot Potatoes  
10.—THE HAGGIS.

"Fair fa' your honest sonse face,  
Great chieftain o' the puddin' race,  
Aboon them a' ye tak your place."

"Freedom and whisky gang the gither. Tak  
a' your dram."

11.—Goswberry 12.—Jollies  
13.—Blanc Mange 14.—Vanilla Ice Cream  
15.—Chocolate Ice Cream

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said  
'This is my own, my native land?'"

Who heart hath ne'er within him burn'd  
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd  
From wandering on a foreign strand!"

## GREETINGS.

The Chieftain read his own and Hongkong Scots telegram to Brother Scots of Tientsin, Singapore, Manila, Foochow, Weihaiwei, Penang, Amoy, Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe, and Nagasaki, as follows:—

Chief Chatham and Hongkong Scots greet Brother Scots. David Wood, hon. secretary.

The following replies were read:  
G. C. Anderson, past president of the Society, to Hon. W. Chatham, C.M.G., President of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society—Hail to the Chieftain, Scotland for ever.

From Yokohama, "Chief MacLaren and Brother Scots send greetings. Tel. Secretary."

From Weihaiwei, "Hearty greetings from Brother Scots at Wei Hai Wei. Lockhart, President."

From Shanghai, "President, St. Andrew's Society, Hongkong, Chief Smart and Brother Scots heartily reciprocate greetings."

From Foochow, "President, St. Andrew's Society, Hongkong, Foochow Brother Scots heartily reciprocate kindly greetings, Rennie."

From Manila, "President, St. Andrew's Society, Hongkong, Chief Underwood and Brother Scots send greetings, Alex. Yuill, Secretary."

From Singapore, "President, St. Andrew's Society, Hongkong, Greetings frae Singapore Brother Scots."

From Penang, "President, St. Andrew's Society, Hongkong, Greetings frae Brithr Scots."

## THE DRESSES.

The dresses of the ladies were very pretty and very simple. There were a few Grecian, Empire and Directoire gowns in evidence, all very effective, but the distinguishing feature of the dresses was their reasonable length.

Quite a number of the gentlemen appeared in the "parb of old Gam", and with the naval and military uniforms the attire of the gentlemen was not so sombre as usual.

## RUSSIA'S LOST PRESTIGE.

## REMARKABLE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

A remarkable article has appeared in the "New Vremya" last month from the pen of M. Menshikov, an influential journalist, whose inspirations are known to come often from leading statesmen.

Writing on the Balkan question M. Menshikov, deprecates the attitude which have been made on M. Isvolsky. No Minister, he says, can be expected to achieve much, so long as the country he represents is without Army and Navy. M. Isvolsky's one task has been to uphold Russia's prestige, to produce a good impression on the foreigner, but he can never expect any European statesman to be afraid of Russia. The time is gone when Ministers for Foreign Affairs used to come to St. Petersburg and call upon Novikova or Gorkhovich.

Russia is too poor and weak to be able to influence the course of events in Europe. The writer admits the contention that "Russia's prestige in the Balkan peninsula has utterly gone. But, he says, she must not attempt to recover that which she has lost. The Slavs must concentrate their efforts on the defence of their own homes, which may soon be invaded by a stronger and more highly-cultured race."

## JAPAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Tokyo, November 20th.

## THE VALUE OF ALLIANCE.

It says much for the progress of international relations in late years that such a profound event as has taken place in China can be regarded with equanimity by the political world and that no other feeling is aroused but that of sympathy with the Chinese people. The Anglo-Japanese Alliance has been deprecated on many grounds; but it is this and like factors which are ensuring the peace in China at the present critical time and which enable the Foreign Office, in Tokyo particularly, to take such a calm view of the situation. Yet the news of the death of the Empress Dowager and Emperor, followed by the most sensational reports of suicide and murder at the Peking Court, had a most disturbing effect in this country, notably on the stock market. The market has of late months been most buoyant, but immediately events at Peking were known there was a collapse and there will be no revival until all danger of economic or other troubles arising in China is past.

## THE CHINESE IN TOKYO.

When the report of the Imperial demise was confirmed the Chinese Minister in Tokyo issued instructions to his nationals as to the observance of a period of mourning, which was fixed at a hundred days for official and twenty-seven days for private persons. Further, the officials were forbidden to share during that period, while the thousands of Chinese students in Tokyo were given six days' leave by order of the Minister for Education for purpose of mourning. After the details of death had been received from the Peking court a solemn religious service was held at the Legation, according to Lama rites, at which only Chinese were present, all dressed with the utmost plainness.

## JAPANESE COMMENT.

Papers of all opinions in Tokyo pay tribute to the remarkable qualities of the Empress Dowager and praise the promptness of the action which has proclaimed a successor to the throne and by avoiding any factional strife on this head stifled incipient rebellion. The Foreign Office took the earliest opportunity of assuring the Press that there was very little likelihood of any trouble arising, owing to the election of an heir to the throne and the unanimity of able statesmen. It is predicted that Yuan Shih-kai and his supporters will throw in their lot with the faction of the Regent and assist in the healthful development of national affairs. One of the Japanese authorities on China, Mr. Inukai, M.P., is of opinion that the death of the Dowager Empress means nothing more than the shifting of the political centre, and that there is very little likelihood of any revolutionary rising, which is more generally due to famine causes and not to events such as the present. Count Okuma does not entertain such optimistic views, judging by an interview appearing in the Hochi. After referring to the fact that Yuan Shih-kai will not easily resign himself to the loss of military power, the Count indicates that he will be a disturbing factor, and should the struggle for political power continue, it will have pernicious effects on the internal administration, which in turn will plant the seed of diplomatic complications. In this possible situation Japan's position is the most important. She is the leader of the Orient. The Count asks:—What was the purpose of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance? It was to chastise those ambitious nations which might seek to rob China of her markets and politically to disturb the peace of the East. The object of the alliance is to keep China intact. The Franco-Japanese and Russo-Japanese agreements had no other end in view. What the Japanese should do in the interest of China is to act in co-operation with Great Britain, which has great influence in China, with the United States, Russia, Germany and France and so study the country's progress and safety. It is improper for Japan to act single-handed, by so doing exciting the suspicions of the Powers, but she must by all means take the lead in advocating the preservation of the peace and security of the Chinese Empire.

## FOREIGN FEARS.

While such views are expressed here, it is evident from foreign telegrams that there are fears abroad. The Foreign Office yesterday formally denied that Japan is or has been in negotiation with the United States regarding China and Manchuria. But an official telegram from Berlin is persistent in the report, saying that "Negotiations as to dynastic changes in China and on the Manchurian question are taking place at New York between Mr. Root, Secretary of State, and Mr. Takahira, Japanese Ambassador to the United States." Both Washington and Tokyo have denied that any negotiations are going on: it was so, it would rather indicate that after all Japan is the real Power in China, much as some would deny her the possession of such influence.

## MISSION OF THE PRESS.

The Seiko Kaisha Club, consisting of members of the Tokyo Press, have passed a resolution and forwarded it to the Chinese Legation and Foreign Office expressing profound sympathy with the Imperial Family and nation of China. Such active participation in affairs, high and low, of Japanese newspapermen is one of the characteristics of the people that first strike the Englishman. The British conception of the function of a newspaperman is that his work is confined to observing, reporting and criticising current events, but here one often reads reports that these invited included "Ministers of State, etc., etc., journalists and other prominent persons" or "speeches were delivered by so and so, and several journalists." So the journalist occupies a dual role. He does not attend a meeting as an observer who is to report his observations with as much impartiality as possible, but as a member of the meeting, having the additional duty to perform of reporting what takes place,

including the part he took in the affair! This idea is carried to extreme lengths. During the recent excitement over the abolition of the parliament, a reporter went to an indignation meeting and returned to his office without any report. He thought the meeting was not worth reporting as what the members had said was nonsense! This conception would be a novel surprise for an editor at home, but shiktaganai, we are in Japan!

## PRECEPT AND PRACTICE.

The recent Imperial rescript urging economy and plain living on the part of the Japanese people, together with Ministerial injunctions to the same effect, have doubtless made the impression they were calculated to make upon the nation, but while the Government is thus anxious to prevent the growth of luxury and waste and develop the national resources, the authorities high and low, are too apt to limit the application of the Emperor's wise words to the people generally and not to apply them to the guidance of their own official acts. This is shown in the desire for fine buildings and other things not strictly necessary and for which the public purse cannot afford to pay. The Government set a bad example recently in dispatching an official of the Diet to inspect the parliamentary buildings and systems of other countries, the object being the erection, ultimately, of buildings on a grander scale than those now used by the legislators. From two points of view this scheme is a bad one. Not to dwell upon financial reasons, from the point of view of the needs of the nation it is not required. Seemingly the same sort of vanity has dictated the scheme as inspires a man to purchase a motor car who cannot afford it. If there is one thing that truly represents the Japanese nation, it is its Diet building—architecturally simple and internally commodious and comfortable. There is scarcely another foreign building in the capital that does not present glaring faults of architecture and leads one to the conclusion that the Japanese architect will never succeed in presenting a dignified front elevation in foreign construction. All styles of architecture are jumbled together in a most ludicrous way in many of the large buildings of Tokyo, chiefly commercial, suggesting a picture of the sublimely unsympathetic architect buried amid photographs of magnificent Gothic piles, gems of Renaissance architecture, Roman columns, and Corinthian decorations. And he industriously produces his building, to the admiration of the native populace, but which will remain a perpetual eyecore to all those who have any conception of style or purity of style as understood in other countries. Judging by the specimens of native "foreign architecture" in the city and by the numerous buildings that are springing up in the suburbs of Tokyo one would think there was a splendid field here for the foreign architect, but perhaps the poor fellow could not even earn a living. The Japanese can, of course, please themselves as to the style of their buildings, but it would be a national misfortune to commit the construction of a new Diet to any architect who is blind to the defects of representative buildings in Tokyo to-day. And I am now referring only to outside appearances. Unfortunately the tendency to things foreign is not diminished, but the usual result of the mixture of Japanese and foreign ideas in architecture can only be described as barbarous and brings into stronger relief the beauties of the pure native style, destined to languish in isolation, if not decay.

## DR. SVEN HEDIN.

As usual, when a man of note visits these shores he is given a welcome of a more or less official character and lionised at receptions. Dr. Sven Hedin, who is to write a book on his travels, is no exception, and at schools, legations, and other places in Tokyo he is the hero of the hour. Doubtless the Japanese feel a special interest in his work, the exploration of Tibet. The Geographical Society have marked their appreciation of his services by presenting him with a gold medal, the only one ever struck by the society, with the exception of a silver medal presented to the explorer Baron Mordén Skold the compatriot of Hedin. It is a coincidence that the only men so honoured by the society should both be Swedish. Dr. Hedin has been busy addressing the students of the universities and has been equally entertaining to folks of older growth. The distinguished explorer will be honoured by the Emperor before he leaves Japan.

## THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON MANUFACTURING CO., LD.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the above company was held at 15 Sheehuen Road Shanghai on afternoon the 25th ult. There were present: Messrs. J. P. Seaman, A. Hilde, and H. De Gray (Directors), G. W. Wulfsberg (Secretary), W. C. Wood, Long Ming-yu, J. N. Jameson, J. M. Young, K. W. Campbell, H. J. Clark, W. G. Pirie, J. L. Carneiro, B. Rosenbaum, and L. J. Cubitt, representing 3,113 shares.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Rayner, the Chair was taken by Mr. J. P. Seaman.

The Chairman, Gentlemen, I must express regret that the absence of our Chairman, Mr. Rayner, on sick leave, again necessitates my occupying his place. We expected that he would have returned in time for this meeting and we have promise that he will be with us during the next month; meanwhile we have assurance that he fully concurs in the action we have recommended in dealing with the sum at credit of profit and loss. The report and accounts have been with you for some days and with your permission I shall assume that they have been read. It is, of course, a disappointment that we are again unable to recommend payment of a dividend. Compliments were made last year by some of our friends that this was not done, and on the other hand we received criticism for not having written off anything for depreciation of our plant. The soundness of this criticism has been impressed upon us, especially in comparing, as far as published accounts allow, the sum we have thus assigned in past years with the similar assignments by our competitors. No sounder basis for this may be taken than the cost per spindle of equipment, that being the basis of earning power. Now we have found that in this respect at least one of

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"Last May my wife became awful sore. Through the kindness of a friend on King St., being cured by Cuticura. So a neighbour kindly went and saw her, and I used to try all kinds of things and I had two different doctors and also attended a dispensary for three months. Then I had a nurse come to the house every morning for seven weeks. They would come to ease me for the time but it would all come again and by night I could scratch myself to pieces. My own girl has been an hour every night putting bandages on my arms and hands. Almost everyone in High St. could tell you what a sufferer I was and the doctors told me that I should never be able to do my washing again."

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our competitors has had somewhat of an advantage, which will be righted if you adopt the recommendations put before you in the Report. At the same time shareholders will note with no little satisfaction that when our Reserve Fund is taken into consideration and added to the amounts already set aside for depreciation, the total compares favourably with that of any of our competitors. As explanation of the small profit of this year's working we have only the well-worn reason of general depression to offer. It was this general depression which caused your Directors to meet the market as soon as any inquiry for yarn showed itself, which was the case during the latter half of the period under review, and in the light of subsequent events it would have been more remunerative to have held on to our yarn rather than to have sold readily. On the other hand, by adopting the less speculative policy, your mill has been kept continuously at work. A considerable decrease in cotton prices, a constant item of interest, and for the first time in the history of the Company your directors are able to place before you accounts which show a clear sheet as regards our bank overdraft. This does not mean that we are not still dependent on banking facilities for the handling of the raw material pending realization of its product, but it shows some progress made towards the attainment of that end, and is the direct result of the conservation policy you have adopted in the past with respect to the disposal of profits, a policy which your directors cannot too strongly recommend you steadfastly to maintain. I have only to add that the mill has been maintained in complete repair and efficiency and no untoward occurrences have transpired. Should any shareholder present desirous information on any point of interest, I should be happy to satisfy him, if within my power.

There being no questions, the following resolutions were put to the meeting and adopted nem. dis.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hilde: That the report and accounts for the year ending September 30, 1903, be accepted and passed.

Proposed by Mr. Hilde, seconded by Mr. de Gray: That Mr. J. F. Seaman be re-elected a director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. J. N. Jameson, seconded by Mr. J. M. Young: That Messrs. A. R. Leake & Co., Chartered Accountants, be re-elected auditors for the current year.

Before the meeting terminated the Chairman remarked that the Secretary had prepared a comparative table of the net profit of local mills for the past seven years, excluding year from the published accounts, and that the International Cotton Manufacturing Co. second on the list—very slightly second—thought that that was a satisfactory result under the circumstances. In conclusion pressed the hope that there would be results next year.—N.C.D.N.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 30th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer had fallen slightly over S. China and Japan, and risen moderately in N. China and Liaison.

The highest pressure lies over N. China, the lowest over N.E. Japan in the North and the middle part of the China Sea in the South.

Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

N. and N.W. winds, fresh to strong, with some light rain.

Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea. Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks. Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. Same as No. 1.



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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## NOTICE

THE OFFICES of the above Company have this day been REMOVED to No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First Floor, (opposite the General Post Office).

CHOI SIEK CHUEN, Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1908. [1625]

## NOTICE TO STAMP COLLECTORS.

ROBT. von GOLDSTEIN "Beano Villa" L.A.H.O.B. is desirous of exchanging postage stamps of British India, and Native States for those of Hongkong. Correspondence invited.

Lahore, 19th October, 1908. [1626]

## NOTICE

WE, The Undersigned, hereby beg to inform the Public that before any CONTRACT, Bill of Lading, Delivery Order, Cheque, Draft, Order, Receipt or other important document in connection with our Business can be valid it must be signed by one of our Managers, KWOK CHING TONG, and P. K. KWOK on behalf of our Firm.

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1908. [1627]

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Hongkong, 27th November, 1908. [1613]

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YUEH-HAN RAILWAY CO., LTD. Canton, 25th November, 1908. [1614]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Lower Albert Road, Victoria, Hongkong, THIS DAY (TUESDAY), the 1st day of Dec. 1908, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolutions, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 17th day of November, 1908, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:

1. "That the Capital of the Company be increased by the sum of \$112,000 divided into 15,000 Shares of \$7.50 each and that the Directors be authorised to allot such shares pro rata among the existing shareholders according to the number of shares in respect of which they may, on the 27th day of October, 1908, be registered, in the proportion of three new shares for each complete lot of five shares held by them on that date and that any of such new shares remaining over after such allotment shall be dealt with by the Directors in their discretion."

2. "That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by deleting paragraph 2 of Article IX and by substituting therefor the following paragraph:

2. The Register, or Registers, of shareholders and the Register of Transfer may be closed for such period or periods at such time, or times as the Directors may think fit but the period or periods of such closure shall not exceed in the whole 30 days in any one year."

By Order of the Board of Directors.

S. A. SEETH, Secretary.

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"That the Directors be authorised to declare a bonus or dividend out of the Reserve and Capital Reserve Funds or out of the accumulated profits of the Company sufficient to pay a call of \$6.00 per share upon the New Capital already authorised to be raised by Special Resolution and that such bonus or dividend be appropriated for the purpose of paying such call."

By Order,

S. A. SEETH, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1908. [1603]

## AUCTION

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1908. [1587]

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## INTIMATIONS

## NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that applications are invited for the appointment of a FEMALE PROBATIONER NURSE, now vacant in the MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Application in the handwriting of the applicants with certificates of character, etc., should be forwarded to the Principal Civil Medical Officer, at the Civil Hospital, not later than Noon of the 9th DECEMBER next.

Salary, etc., \$480 rising by annual increments of \$60 to \$600 per annum, with uniform, Washing, Attendance, free furnished quarters and an allowance of \$64 per month for fuel and light.

Full particulars may be had on application.

J. BELL, Principal Civil Medical Officer, Medical Department, Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [1608]

## MAGISTRACY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MEETING of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Colony will be held at the MAGISTRACY, at 2.15 P.M., on MONDAY, the 7th December, 1908, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor Licenses Ordinances, 1898 and 1908, viz.:—

From one O. E. OWEN for a Publican's License to sell by retail intoxicating liquors on premises numbered 50, Elgin Road, Kowloon, under the sign of "THE KOWLOON HOTEL."

H. KEMP, Police Magistrate.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1908. [1617]

## HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

The Practice Notified in GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 825 for the 30th November is hereby cancelled.

On TUESDAY, the 1st December:—

From Balclutha in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

On WEDNESDAY, the 2nd December:—

From Salween in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 5.30 P.M., and finishing at 5.50 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 3rd December:—

From Stonecutters (West) in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.

From Stonecutters in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

On FRIDAY, the 4th December:—

From L. Balclutha in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M., and finishing at Noon.

On MONDAY, the 7th December:—

From Central in a South-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.

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Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [1618]

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Hongkong, 22nd August, 1908. [20]

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Hongkong, 12th January 1907. [21]

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [401]

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## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

**BIOTRIC SPARKS IN CANCER—A NEW INDICATOR—DOGS FLOATED ON SAND—A TEXTILE OF TO-MORROW—MUMMY ALLEGMENTS—STRENUOUS EVOLUTION—SQUEEZING THE GAS PIPES—SURFACE SPRINGS.**

"Fulguration" is the name proposed for the method of dealing with cancer that has been worked out by Dr. De Kesting-Hart of Marseille. A look of results with X rays and other light radiations decided him to try high frequency electric currents of very high tension, and the spark rays generated proved active in destroying the tumor mass and stimulating the surrounding tissues to absorb the dead tissue and to form firm scars. Quite weak currents are used, with a tension as high as 250,000 to 300,000 volts. As much of the tumor is removed by cutting, as practicable, and the sparks are applied where malignant tissue seems to be left. The application lasting about 45 minutes. The process being painful, anaesthetics of non-inflammable kind are necessary. Some medical experts who have investigated report that this method is a real advance, several apparent cures of cancer having resulted, while undoubted palliative and temporary effects have been achieved.

The bedbug has been found by two late investigators to be the most dangerous of all blood-sucking insects in spreading disease—or, at any rate, in disseminating plague. In its body the germs live and multiply, retaining virulence for many days, while the bedbug itself seems to suffer no inconvenience.

The two concrete drydocks at Kiel rest on a deep stratum of fine sand, and it is found that—though measuring outside about 600 by 215 by 60 feet, with 18-foot bottom and walls—they are forced down and up with filling and emptying. The movements are small, though the bottoms bend 0.79 inch, the entire structures settling 0.2 inch on loading.

A future industry of much importance is foreseen by E. Lemaire, a French writer, in the use of spun-glass. The spinning of glass into threads was known to the ancient Egyptians, who attracted some attention when glass making was taken up at Venice, and by the end of the eighteenth century the French and Bohemian glass-workers were producing threads about three yards long having sufficient flexibility for braiding and making lace. Modern glass-spinning was developed by J. de Brumant in the middle of the last century. He made longer, more flexible and stronger threads, which were made into embroidery and passementerie, and by Dubs and Böhnel were woven into cloth. They are now made into cigarettes and imitation ostrich feathers. De Brumant's art has been in large part lost, but at the present time a silk-like, glass-wool is formed into tissues for the wear of the gouty and rheumatic, the waste being utilized for packing steam-pipes, and in Germany the longer fibers are made into a braid that serves not only for non-burning lamp-wicks but also for heat and electric insulation. Cheap and satisfactory threads for weaving can doubtless be produced when required. The cloth will have unique advantages for clothing and other purposes, as it will be incombustible, a non-conductor of heat, proof against acids, and a perfect insulator against electricity.

Appendicitis is a new disease in name only, and it has been traced back to ancient Egypt by the explorations of Capt. H. G. Lyons in 57 cemeteries of the Nile Valley just south of the Pillars of Khosro. Female abdominal organs from one grave were so well preserved that this disease could be recognized. Another body showed typical lesions of gout, both forearms of a young woman had been broken and were bandaged with splints, and numerous bones showing reunited fractures gave evidence of much surgical skill. A London museum will acquire from these graves a valuable collection illustrating early disease and accidents and the treatment.

The surface of the earth is undergoing steady transformation, largely through the agency of man, but perhaps nowhere is the plant and animal life of the region being more rapidly supplanted than in New Zealand. The native Polynesian race, crowded by Europeans, is becoming extinct. Many of the imported animals run wild and multiply rapidly at the expense of the native species, even the streams being filled with European and American trout, which grow to great size. Introduced plants thrive quite as remarkably. New forests are being created designedly because the native trees, though yielding excellent timber, grow very slowly; and already 11,000,000 larches, oaks, spruces, Douglas fir and eucalypts have been planted, while seedlings from them are being continually added.

A new argument in favour of electric lighting is found in the reports of the London gas companies. In six months 110,000,000 cubic feet of gas was lost and could not be accounted for, and it seems that most of this must have disappeared through actual leakage. Company officials suggest an explanation in the increased weight and speed of vehicles using the streets. The added pressure and especially the increased vibration bring new underground strains, and must undoubtedly, affect pipes carrying gas. Serious possible consequences are pointed out. Ten per cent of the gas is carbon monoxide, a powerful poison, and the accumulation in a stagnant atmosphere may have much to do with London's headaches, dizziness, etc.

Summer springs of woods and hillside seem to be less ideal drinking places than they have been supposed. Slightly pure water is found by Dr. E. A. Martel, the French cave explorer, to come through fissures driven from a polluting soil without any filtration through the rock. Even passage through chalk, moreover, does not seem to filter surface drainage thoroughly.

## STORIES OF PRESIDENT TAFT.

From a biographical sketch of the new President of the United States contributed to a London contemporary we extract the following interesting information:

Back in the nineties, when the young lawyer had just been appointed United States circuit judge at Cincinnati, there came a devastating railway strike. The case came into Court. The courtroom was filled with men, who had sworn that should the judgment go against the strikers, the judge should never leave the court alive. He faced them calmly, serenely, and with a smile—and announced his decision, which meant prison for one of the leaders. Then he turned to the Court, and, in unshaken tones, said, "When you all leave this room I want you to understand that so long as there is a man left in the army of the United States these trains will be run." And with unruffled demeanour the judge left the bench.

This is the kind of man the Americans have chosen for their new ruler. To him may be applied Horace's description of the "Justum et tenacem propositi virum."

The man of stern and righteous will. No noble clamour for the wrong. Not Jove's right hand, whose frown may kill. Can shake the strength that makes him strong.

President Taft became a Presidential possibility fifty-one years ago, at Cincinnati. He is a son of the great Middle West, the backbone of the States. His father, Alphonse Taft, was Grant's Attorney-General, and Secretary for War. The family came over from England in 1679. Young Taft was sent to Yale and then studied law in his father's office. The future President faced the realities of life early. At 20 he was studying law, and doing court reporting for his brother's newspaper at a salary of 24s. a week. Of course, he did his work well, and equally of course there soon came promotion, for another paper secured his services at 25 a week.

There followed graduation as a law student and then admission to the Bar. At that time there was in Cincinnati a blackmailing paper run by a prize-fighter, which had grossly attacked Alphonse Taft when running for the Governorship of Ohio. The blackmailing editor had a bodyguard of roughs. But the athletic young giant from Yale calmly marched down to the office of the paper and gave the editor a tremendous thrashing. "If ever this occurs again, remember this is only a start," said young Taft. It did not occur again.

President Taft is a big man physically as well as mentally, and of course his three hundred pounds' weight has been the excuse for many a jest. "Billy Taft is the politest of men," said a Senator. "I saw him get up in a street car and offer his seat to three ladies. Once he sent a telegram to Secretary Root, telling of what he had seen during a forty-mile ride in the Philippines. 'Excellent,' wired back the Secretary, 'but how is the horse?' All these and other stories may be taken as the measure of the affection which the people bear towards their new President. Did they love him less, there would be few jokes about him. As it is, to quote President Roosevelt, 'He will be emphatically a President of the plain people.'

## THE BOON OF ARTIFICIAL COLD.

Mr. J. De Loverdo contributes to the *World's Work* a paper on Miracles of Cold, by which he means the wonders wrought by refrigeration. He traces of the cold storage for meat, the revolutionizing of the butter trade, the transportation of tropical fruits for rich and poor. Perhaps one of the most unexpected results is that a coldhouse has become an effective auxiliary to the hothouse in the supply of flowers.

**ALPINE FLOWERS ARTIFICIALLY PRODUCED.**

The horticulturist now retards the blooming of flowers, as Nature does in the northern regions, by cold storage. Applied wholesale, in England especially, and in Germany and Holland, soon gave birth to a new horticultural method. The proceeding is one of the simplest. In February and March spruces, aspens, Chinese plum-trees, tufts of dubautia, shrubs of lilac, lilies and roses are torn from the ground and placed in a cold, dark chamber, and kept at an even temperature of 25 deg. or 26 deg. C. During the whole summer this slight frost prolongs their sleep. At the approach of the early frosts they are re-awakened from their slumbers in a well-warmed greenhouse, and in November and December, burst into resplendent and vigorous blossom. In the same way the cold prolongs the existence of the short-lived gladioli, carnations, jacinths and lilies, keeping them in bud during many weeks. After a month or forty days of preparation these flowers, which are not exposed to the air, last almost as long as if they had just been picked. The little edelweiss will soon lose its prestige, when, following the example of the Danish horticulturist, our gardeners reproduce the delicate flora of the glaciers by freezing artificially under a thin layer, the soil which bears them.

## HOW COLD INCREASES FURNACE HEAT.

One of the paradoxes of this industry is that artificial cold increases the heat of the blast. The furnace work far better in winter than in summer. The reason is that the vapour contained in the summer air is injurious to the working of the furnace. Now the Carnegie steel furnace use a saline solution which reduces the air several degrees below freezing point, and so eliminates five-sixths of the vapour contained in the air. A much purer and less sulphurous liquid metal is thus obtained.

## GERMAN AND PRUSSIAN FINANCES.

The announcement in the Speech from the Throne to the Prussian Diet on the 20th ult. that fresh revenue to the amount of £10,000,000 a year is required has come, the Berlin correspondent of the *Times* says, as an unpleasant surprise to the Bourse and to the public in general, especially to the business sections of the community. For the present, it is true, only about one quarter of this sum is to be raised by means of fresh taxation; but, in conjunction with the forthcoming demands of the German Imperial Government for additional revenue to the amount of £25,000,000 a year, the prospect for the Prussian taxpayer is anything but reassuring.

The increases in the income and capital taxes were not unexpected, and had been discounted beforehand, but the proposed tax on the trading profits of companies and corporations is being discussed with considerable concern. It is argued that, although the Prussian Government denies that the new impost is intended to tax dividends, the proposal will in practice be found materially to affect the basis upon which profits are now distributed among the shareholders. Furthermore, it is feared that, although the Government ostensibly desire to make good only the sum of £1,100,000, which has hitherto been levied upon corporate income-tax payers, the new impost will represent a total amounting to at least £2,000,000 or £2,500,000. In financial and industrial circles it is insisted that, whatever form may be given to the tax on trading profits, the large body of small shareholders are bound to suffer a serious curtailment of their dividends. A development of this kind, moreover, could not

but react upon the corporations themselves, especially since an increase in local rates in conjunction with the new tax would in many cases be inevitable.

## MURDERER CREMATED.

REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION AT THE FUNERAL PYRE.

The body of Kanai Lal Dutt, the murderer of Gossain, the informer, was removed from the gall at Alipore, to the burning ghat at Kalighat followed by a large crowd of mourners numbering over a thousand, about half of whom were women.

So eager were the people to see the face of the deceased that it was past 12.30 before the sacred torch was applied to the pyre. The body was profusely garlanded with flowers before removal, and was cremated entirely in ghee and sandalwood, a method of cremation adopted only in the case of the rich, well-to-do or highly respected and revered persons. A funeral oration was delivered over the body by his uncle which was received with continued shouts of Kanai Lal Raj.

Early on the morning preceding his execution, Kanai Lal Dutt was blown from innumerable houses in Calcutta and metropolitan suburbs. He was said to be one of the most famous journalists that the booming sun had heralded the advent of Kanai's passing away from this world of care and conspiracies, and of tears and treachery. It was subsequently explained to him that this was the brightest day, so far as Kanai Lal Dutt was concerned. His soul was going to shake off its frail frame of mortality, and to enjoy eternal bliss of immortal abode where joys and sorrows are equal as air.

While the funeral procession was passing by the temple of Kalighat, an old Brahmin approached with a garland of flowers from the temple, and put it round the neck of the deceased. Prayers were specially offered at the temple in order that Kanai's soul might find everlasting peace in heaven. The scene at the burning ghat, baffles all description.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

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S.S. "BENMOHR,"

FROM LEITHE, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk. The hazardous and/or extra hazardous Goods of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd Dec., will be subject to sale.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 9th Dec., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd Dec., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. 1610

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"OCEANA,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex "Mongolia."

From Persia, Gulf or D. H. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd Dec., at 4 P.M., will be subject to sale.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1908. [1]

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"BINGO MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd Dec., will be subject to sale.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignee and the Co's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1908. 1616

## NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

Extra Copies of Daily Press are on

sale daily at the following stores—

KOWLOON: N. B. OK ST. LEE, Ferry Wharf.

Mosses, H. BURNTON & SONS, Kowloon.

10th Store, No. 20, Elgin Road.

Messrs. HUNG CHEONG, Elgin Road.

MEAB YAU, Hongkong Ferry Wharf Stal.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

WE beg to notify our Customers and the Public generally that we have adopted New Labels bearing our Trade Mark for our BRANDIES and SHERRIES and that such labels will come into use as from the 1st DECEMBER next.

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## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

## SECTIONS

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.    2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.    3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.    4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1908. [1

BATAVIA, CHEMBON, SEMARANG, SO. W. W. \_\_\_\_\_

Hongkong, 20th October, 1908. GENERAL AGENTS.  
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS. 8

7 D. W. CRADDOCK, General Traffic Agent for China,  
Corner Pedder Street and Praya, opposite Blake Pier.

Hongkong, 7th August, 1908. [71]

**SIEMSEN & CO.,**  
**HONGKONG.**









## POST OFFICE NOTICE

In accordance with an instruction received from the American Postal Authorities for the present the weight limit on parcels to America by the direct route has been altered from 11 lbs. to the old limit of 4 lbs. 6 oz.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dally and Siberia.  
11th December... at 11.00 a.m.  
17th December... at 8.30 a.m.  
25th December... at 10.00 a.m.

The China, with the American mail, and may be expected here to-day, 9 a.m.  
The Dally, with the German mail of the 4th ult., left Singapore, on Saturday, the 28th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 3rd inst., at 11 a.m.  
The French, with the French mail of the 5th November, left Singapore on Monday, the 30th Nov., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 7th inst., at 11 a.m.  
This does not bring copies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on the 3rd October.

FOR	PER	DATE
Amoy, Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Sunday	1st, 8.00 A.M.
Sandakan	Tuesday	1st, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Tuesday	1st, 11.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Tuesday	1st, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tuesday	1st, 11.00 A.M.
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta  
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)  
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Tuesday	2nd, 11.00 A.M.
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	SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.75
	GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	\$62.10
	BAR SILVER, per oz.	22 1/2

Subsidiary Coins	Per cent.
Chinese 20 cents pieces	\$3.88 discount
Chinese 10 "	\$5.18 "
Hongkong 20 "	\$5.50 "
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## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

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COMPANY. PAID UP. QUOTATIONS.

Alhambra	£100	Nominal
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$845, buyers
National B. of China	25	\$51, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E.A.	12a	6d, buyers
China-Foreign Co.	\$12	\$11.
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$54, sellers
China-Foreign Co.	\$10	\$54, buyers
Cotton Mills	£10	\$67, buyers
Hongkong	£10	\$104, sellers
International	£10	\$75, buyers
Leong Kung Mow	£10	\$72, buyers
Soyabean	£10	\$240, buyers
Dairy Farm	£10	\$22.
Doors and Wharves	£10	\$45, sellers
H. & W. Wharf & G.	£10	\$92, sellers
H. & W. Dock	£10	\$100, buyers
Shanghai Dock	£10	\$100, buyers
Shai & H. Wharf	£10	\$143, sellers
Farwick & Co., Geo.	£25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement	£10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	\$190, buyers
Hongkong Electric	£10	\$18, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	£10	\$80, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	£10	\$230, sellers
Hongkong Rope Co.	£10	\$24.
Indan	£10	\$160, sales & buy
China Fire	£10	\$102, buyers
China Traders	£10	\$87.
Hongkong Fire	£10	\$880, sellers
North China	£10	\$12, buyers
Union	£10	\$50, buyers
Yong	£10	\$100, buyers
Land and Building	£10	\$88, sellers
Hongkong Land	£10	\$84.
Hongkong Land	£10	\$80, buyers
Shanghai Land	£10	\$110.
Yong	£10	\$46, sellers
Mining	£10	\$680, buyers
Chickensong	£10	\$72.
Hande	£10	\$14.
Peak Tramways	£10	\$10.
Philippine Co.	£10	\$8, sellers
Reduaries	£10	\$112.
China Sugar	£10	\$102, sellers
Yong	£10	\$69.
Robins & Fiano Co.	£10	\$14, sellers
China and Manila	£10	\$52, buyers
Douglas Steamship	£10	\$294, sellers
H. Canton & M.	£10	\$17, sellers
Indo-China S.N. Co.	£10	\$17, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	£10	\$470, buyers
Star Ferry	£10	\$24.
Do, New	£10	\$15, buyers
South China S. Post	£10	\$25, buyers
Steam-Land	£10	\$5, sellers
Waiwan & Co., W.	£10	\$10, sellers
Powell & Co., W.	£10	\$10, sellers
Watkins	£10	\$10, buyers
Waiman, Ltd.	£10	\$100.
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Dr. Saunders	£10	\$230.
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